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Moden et al.

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MODIFYING THE CONFIGURATION OF
AN EXPOSED SURFACE OF A VISCOUS
FLUID

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are filed in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Office Action mailed December 31, 2003, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expires on March 31, 2004.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 8 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 17 of this paper and include both an

attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 18 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 21 of this paper.